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Zavod No. 12 and the Georgi Dimitrov Factory

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1. The Georgi Dimitrov Locomotive Factory in Sofia is completely separate and independent from Zavod No. 12. The Georgi Dimitrov Factory is located immediately in front of the central railroad station, while Zavod No. 12 is located on General Totleben Street which passes the Military Hospital. It is Zavod No. 12 rather than the Georgi Dimitrov Factory which formerly was the Inzhenera Rabotilnitsa (Military Engineers' Workshop).
2. The Georgi Dimitrov Factory performs the following functions:
 - a. Repairs steam locomotives;
 - b. Repairs passenger cars and freight cars (closed and flat);
 - c. In late 1951, began manufacturing steam locomotives; two new locomotives were put out by the factory in November and December 1951; and
 - d. Toward the end of 1951, also began manufacturing railroad passenger cars and closed and flat freight cars.
3. Zavod No. 12 (the former Engineers' Workshop) produces the following:
 - a. Internal combustion motors for auto vehicles; and
 - b. Chassis and bodies for auto vehicles.

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The Bakish Factory in Sofia

4. The Bakish Tire Factory is located north of Sofia, exactly four and one-half kilometers from the central railroad station on the Sofia-Pleven route. The

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factory is situated several meters to the west of the rail line and is between the Voenna Rampa and Ilyantsi suburbs.

5. [] noted one 3-story building approximately 60 by 40 meters in size, grey-colored, which has a metal chimney approximately 35 meters high along its side. Various small 1-story buildings and storage sheds are located in the vicinity of the large building. 25X1
6. The factory employs approximately 700-800 workers and produces the following:
 - a. Automobile tires;
 - b. Bicycle tires;
 - c. Inner tubes for automobiles and bicycles []; 25X1
 - d. Rubber boots and half-boots;
 - e. Rubber sneakers for gymnastics; and
 - f. Rubber sneakers for work.

The Elprom Factory in Sofia

7. The Elprom Factory is not a single complex but consists of five or six buildings located in various parts of Sofia and its suburbs. [] one of these buildings is located in Knyazhevo, nine kilometers southwest of Sofia, which is reached by Streetcar Line No. 5. 25X1
8. [] at the factory, [] there are three 8-hour shifts per day. [] the factory produces the following items: 25X1
 - a. Electric motors of up to 30-35 kilowatts;
 - b. Telephones;
 - c. Telephone switchboards;
 - d. Electric bells;
 - e. Current transformers; and
 - f. A small amount of telephone wire.

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The Committee for Science, Art and Culture - January 1952

1. The KNIK (Komitet za Nauka, Izkustvo, i Kultura; Committee for Science, Art and Culture) is located at No. 1, Ruski Boulevard in Sofia in a 4-story building approximately 40 by 30 meters in size which is directly in front of the Russian church.
2. The KNIK was organized in 1945-1946 and is subordinate to the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Its duties are to organize and direct the studies of the superior schools (Polytechnics and the University) and of all the artistic and cultural showings (performances, exhibitions, etc.). Writers, poets, critics, painters, sculptors, etc. must be members of the Committee and conform their activities and creations to the directives issued by the Committee.
3. The President of the Committee is Ruben Levi,

He was named president of the KNIK in January 1952 but still has not been appointed by official decree. His predecessor is Professor Sava Ganovski, professor of philosophy at the University of Sofia.

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4. There are two vice presidents, of which one--Jac Natan, who is awaiting dismissal from his post and expecting a replacement.
5. Approximately 200 persons work for the KNIK; at the end of 1951, there were approximately 500 workers, but these will be reduced to 200.
6. The Committee has the following subdivisions:
 - a. General directorate;
 - b. Superior studies, arts, performances, and culture section;
 - c. Cultural exchange with foreign countries section;

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- d. Personnel section;
- e. Accounting and administrative section; the chief of this section is Slavko Nikolov [redacted] 25X1
- f. Building section; the chief of this section is Gancho Drifonov [redacted] 25X1
- g. Administrative and archives section; and
- h. Fund section for the new constructions.

Reform of the Bulgarian University Program - End of 1950

- 7. As a result of a KNIK order, all university students in the various faculties must not exceed their course of study by more than one year over that which is prescribed by their specialty. If students fail during this period, they are not allowed to finish their studies and may not take the faculty examinations. An additional year is granted for the completion of studies only in cases of illness and after certification by a special medical commission instituted by the university.
- 8. In all university courses begun after the end of 1950, a new obligatory examination called Diamat (Dialecticheski-Materialismo, dialectical materialism) has been added. This test is primarily political in character and consists of Communist history, doctrine, and ideology. [redacted] students who greatly excel in this examination find it easier to obtain work upon completion of their studies. 25X1
- 9. The duration of university courses for the various faculties is as follows:
 - a. Medicine, five years of study plus one year of practical training in a hospital; followed by a State examination;
 - b. Engineering, five years, which includes four and one-half years of studies plus one-half year of practical training in some enterprise;
 - c. Architecture, five years;
 - d. Law, four years;
 - e. Literature, four years;
 - f. Pharmaceutical chemistry, four years;
 - g. Agriculture, four years; and
 - h. Philosophy, four years.

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